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FOR YORK FROM EB/ORF/OF

FOLLOWING IS DEPT'S RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED IN LETTER FROM PAROTTE, EXEC. SEC'Y OF IWC, TO MAYIO DATED SEPT 27, 1973. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY OUR COMMENTS TO PAROTTE PRIOR TO IWC EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 24 WITH REGRETS FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE LATE RESPONSE MAY HAVE CAUSED HIM.

(A) NOTING THAT ARTICLE 2 OF DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR EXTENDING 1971 WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION LISTS AMONG THOSE PROVISIONS OF 1971 CONVENTION TO BE INOPERATIVE PARAGRAPH (1)(N) OF ARTICLE 2, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 3 OF DRAFT PROTOCOL. WE WOULD SUGGEST, HOWEVER, PLACING A COMMA AFTER THE ABBREVIATION

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"EEC" IN THE NINTH LINE OF NEW ARTICLE 3.

(B) PAROTTE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT REFERENCE IN POINT (5) OF MAYIO'S LETTER OF AUGUST 31 SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO PARAGRAPH (1)(B), ARTICLE 2 OF 1971 CONVENTION.

(C) WITH RESPECT TO ENGROSSMENT OF FINAL TEXTS, WE UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES WHICH THIS PROCEDURE COULD PRESENT FOR IWC AND ARE PREPARED TO OFFER DEPT'S SERVICES FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE REITERATE SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN MAYIO'S EARLIER LETTER THAT, AS A FIRST STEP, CONFERENCE ENSURE THAT FOUR SPECIFIED AUTHENTIC TEXTS CLEARLY REFLECT CONFERENCE DECISIONS, ARE CORRECT IN ALL TECHNICAL RESPECTS, AND CONFORM WITH ONE ANOTHER SUBSTANTIVELY. THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT WORK BY DEPT IN ENGROSSING TEXTS PREPARATORY TO THEIR BEING OPENED FOR SIGNATURE. KISSINGER

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